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Socialist Committee

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eyed, agitating anarchists. From conferences with Haggerty and Vasey, the bitter anti-socialists, it was a short step to conferences with their "friend," Hatfield.

Debs was forced, against his desire by the other two members of the committee to seek a conference with Hatfield. In this interview the Dictator assumed his "friend of labor" attitude and poured into Debs' ears a long sad story of his struggle to obtain justice for the workers, not forgetting to insert that tale he used during the campaign about the hundreds of miners' families he had doctored without charge. He ended by corroborating all that Haggerty and Vasey had said about the wild-eyed anarchists, and confessed that his military demonstrations against us were only at the request of the U. M. W. of A. officials. Debs emerged from the conference with his sentimental heart swelling with pity for the poor overworked governor. Somebody that knew Debs' nature and anticipated this, had lined up about a dozen reporters for the capitalist newspapers, just outside the governors' door—and Debs began to talk.

Remember all this took place before Debs had visited the strike zone or before he had talked with the socialists, or heard their version of affairs.

The next morning all the prostituted papers in the state carried, under big head lines, what purported to be interviews with Debs. "HATFIELD EXONERATED BY DEBS" was a favorite heading, and under this, and credited to Debs were the same fulsome praise of the Dictator that had been appearing in the editorial columns of these papers ever since he was inaugurated.

The Socialists over the state were shocked. Letters and telegrams began to pour into Debs' hotel asking what it all meant. The Wheeling Majority stopped its press in the middle of its regular edition and wired him in regard to the interviews appearing in the capitalist press of that city.

Debs had evidently begun to see a light so he wired The Majority: "Interviews absolutely false. Wait for our report."

The Huntington Socialist local unanimously censured Debs for his endorsement of Hatfield and instructed its secretary to write him, which he did as follows:

Huntington, W. Va.
May 25, 1913.
Comrade Eugene V. Debs
Member of Special Investigating Committee of Socialist Party.

Dear Comrade:—
At the regular meeting of Local Huntington, W. Va., Socialist Party held today, certain statements attributed to you and published in the capitalist press throughout the state and nation, came in for considerable discussion, and, to speak plainly, you were severely censured by numerous comrades, and it appeared to be the unanimous opinion of those comrades present that if these utterances, which are credited to you are true, then, as a representative of the workers, you have committed a most grievous error, and, in fact, have done our movement in the state inestimable harm.

The Socialist Party of W. Va. through its press, officials and speakers have made many and serious charges against the workings of the capitalist system in the coal fields and against its servants who hold public office in this state and, who compromise the military government which has so ruthlessly outraged the liberties of our comrades.

We know that such charges as we have publicly made are true. We have put up a desperate fight against great odds to establish the truthfulness of these charges. Now comes your statements which say in effect, that our charges are not true—that the military dictatorship which has been established, and its brutal act of suppression, have been in a measure necessary. In other words you have endorsed the actions taken by the capitalist government against us. You have said to the world that the government contentions are correct and that we alone are responsible for the conditions which have existed in this state for the past year.

You have to all appearances, given a coat of whitewash and a clean bill of health to H. D. Hatfield, whom we have heralded to the world as a tyrant. We believe that we are more capable of judging the personality of Governor Hatfield than you are, and we cannot but resent the fact that you have called him a "Martyr Man" and stated that he had been "placed in a false light" (presumably by us) and that you will endeavor to correct this false impression.

This local has unanimously instructed me to write to you in regard to these statements, to ask for an explanation, which they believe is due from you, as a representative of their party to them as combatants in this struggle. The wish has been expressed that you could find it convenient to visit us here. Our regular meeting is held each Sunday at 2:30 but we

could arrange a call meeting for any time you could come.

If it is impossible for you to visit us we request an answer to this question: "Are the enclosed statements attributed to you authentic, and if so will you explain how you arrived at these conclusions, which are directly opposed to those of numerous comrades who have been in this W. Va. fight during the past year?"

Edwin Firth,
Secy. Local Huntington
Socialist Party.

Debs answer to this was in a heart-broken tone. He severely arraigned the local comrades for believing anything they read in the coal operators press. His letter follows:

Charleston, W. Va., May 27, 1913
Edwin Firth, Secy.,
Local Huntington, Socialist Party,
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Comrade:—
Your communication of the 25th inst. reached me last evening and has been carefully read. I regret that your members should censure me in my absence and without a hearing and I regret this all the more because this has been done, presumably, upon evidence furnished by Capitalist newspapers.

Since our committee has been in this city a persistent effort has been made to turn our members against us and to create discussion in our ranks by circulating reports that are either totally untrue or are but half truths which are at times even more mischievous than downright lies.

I have made no statement that could even be tortured into that for which you have passed censure upon me, and I think your members should know me well enough to know that I would be incapable of such betrayal of a trust by my comrades as I am seemingly charged with.

A deliberate falsehood was sent out from here in reference to what I said after our interview with Governor Hatfield and I am satisfied that its purpose was just such as it reported in your communication, viz, the turning of our members against us and their loss of confidence in us because of our alleged betrayal of our trust in siding with the enemies of our fellow workers. That any member could entertain such an unwarranted charge against us in such light regard, is indeed a matter of pain as well as a surprise to me.

Yours fraternally,
E. V. DEBS.

The current expression among the Socialists in and around Charleston in commenting on Debs' action and words was, "Debs has changed; Debs has been tricked, deceived as to the true conditions of affairs." Merrick expressed this belief in his paper in the issue following Debs' conference with Hatfield. The Pittsburg Socialist well known to be Merrick's bitter personal enemy, mailed Debs a copy of "Justice" and asked him to comment upon it. He replied as follows:

Terre Haute, Ind. June 1, 1913.
The Pittsburg Socialist.

Dear Comrades:—
Your communications with a copy of "Justice" enclosed has been received. I have no time to answer the drivel which the latter contains. I was told at Charleston that Merrick was furious because he had been released from jail, that he had denounced and repudiated the efforts of his attorney, his friends and his family in his behalf. It is quite fitting that these silly charges and stupid falsehoods should be corroborated in the same issue by the malicious lies published in the papers owned and controlled by the mine owners. I can pity Merrick but I have no answer to make to his ravings.

In the next few days you will receive, as will all Socialist paper, a full report by our committee and then you will be able to judge as to what foundation there is for these insane rantings. Had our committee utterly failed in its mission and its members had been slugged and jailed besides and the situation in West Virginia was irretrievably disastrous, then quite likely the extremists and wild eyed men who would have the working class we have served for 40 years regard us as feeble minded children, would now acclaim us wise and wonderful leaders.

Yours fraternally,
Eugene V. Debs.

Imagine the Debs of a few years ago using that language toward a comrade, and further, giving that statement to that comrade's bitterest enemy.

Yes Debs has changed.

And now, on top of all this denial and subterfuge comes the committee's report. From a perusal of it you would naturally gather the impression that the committee was sent here for no other purpose than to clear Hatfield of the charges the W. Va. Socialists have made against him. It abounds with the same sickening laudatory comments on Hatfield that has filled the servile daily press of the state for months past—couched in some instances in the same identical language. For instance, "The governor assured us that he was not opposed to the pending senatorial investigation."

The committee seem to have taken undue pains to deny things for Hatfield that he has never denied himself. Take for instance the threat to deport

the miners if they did not accept his proposal and go to work. The committee says he never made such threat. We say that it appeared in the Charleston dailies, during the time the miners convention was being held. It was quoted and attributed to the governor as his own words. And he has never publicly denied it.

The committee further heralds forth the information that the mine guard system in W. Va. has been abolished by act of the legislature. With just a little investigating upon their part they could have found that this was untrue. The only thing the legislature done was to forbid sheriffs from appointing mine guards as deputies.

Take this gem from the report of supposedly free men on a lawful mission: "The governor informed us that we were AT LIBERTY TO GO ANYWHERE WE PLEASED in pursuit of our mission." No wonder they laud him. So kind, doncher know.

The entire report abounds with inexcusable misstatement, and is couched in language that ill becomes the representatives of the workers' political organization. It will do inestimable harm to our cause in this state, and its harmful effects will no doubt be retard the work and color the report of the REAL INVESTIGATION now being held at Charleston.

Hansford Re-organized.

Hansford, W. Va.—Despite the rain, which was descending in torrents on last Saturday night the second house at this place was crowded to the limit with members of the working class who had gathered for the purpose of protesting against Democracy, Despotism, and to effect a re-organization of the Hansford Socialist Local, most of its former members having returned home after long confinement in Dr. Hatfield's Hospital. Several interesting addresses by local comrades were listened to with the greatest of interest, and the re-organized local starts off in a manner that bodes ill for capitalism's future despots.

David A. Kelly.

Glassworkers Organize Local Tumbler Plant.

On last Saturday, Joseph O'Mallory general organizer for the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, succeeded in negotiating a contract with the Huntington Tumbler Co., by which the company agrees to employ only union glass workers and to pay the union scale of prices.

The fight to organize the local plant has been waged by the A. F. G. W. for several years, and that success has crowned their efforts is a matter of general rejoicing among the union men throughout the city.

A Small Sensation.

A rifle of excitement was created recently at the H. R. Wylie China Co. of Huntington when several boys refused to work with a young fellow who confessed to being a member of the militia which served during the coal strike in Kanawha county. The boys held an indignation meeting when they learned the facts. They questioned him and although he said he had left the militia and would not re-enlist, yet they were obstinate in their refusal to work with him, so the ex-militiaman thought it best to quit.

Long Live The Star.

Ronceverte, W. Va. 6-6-1913.
W. H. Thompson.
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Comrade:—
Please find enclosed \$1.00 to pay for the Labor Star for one year. I have been unable to do a days work for the past fifteen months, and the \$\$\$ are getting scarce, but I must do a little for the Star after what Hatfield has tried to do for you men that will not be bulldozed. I only wish that it were possible for me to do more, and I hope to by the time the frost hits the country.

Give my kindest regards to Gillespie and all the boys, but keep up the fight and make it lively.

Yours for better things,
O. A. POPE.

With the Socialist party voicing the protests of its million supporters determined that the West Virginia shall be brought before the American people for judgement, the truth no longer can be concealed or the facts suppressed. "The lid is off."

The Literary Digest, June the 7th.

Who Will Do The Dirty Work.

"Who will do the dirty work under Socialism?" is a question frequently put to Socialist orators.

Who, I would like to know does the dirty work under capitalism? Let us see. They are: The tradesman, who in order to maintain his profits, adulterates his food products to the danger of the public health. Is not that dirty work?

The journalist who, in order to earn his bread, is compelled to express views to which he is opposed. Is not that dirty work?

The doctor who retards the recovery of his patient in order to prolong his visits and increase his fees. Is not that dirty work?

The schoolmaster who fills the heads of his pupils with a heap of balderdash, which stultifies their minds and prevents them from thinking. Is not that dirty work?

The parson who teaches his flock to be satisfied with the places in life to which they have been called, blinding them to their real interests. Is not that dirty work?

The patent medicine manufacturer who sells a worthless compound which he guarantees a cure for all ills that flesh is heir to. Is not that dirty work?

The lawyer who bleeds his trustful client ignorant of the ways of the law. Is not that dirty work?

The member of congress who having at election time posed as a friend of labor, supports only legislation against the people he is supposed to represent. Is not that dirty work?

The newspaper folk who in their columns praise commodities they know to be worthless in return for an advertisement order. Is not that dirty work?

The wretched blackleg who, himself on the verge of starvation, helps to frustrate the just agitation of his fellowworkingman for higher wages and better conditions of labor. Is not that dirty work?

The prostitute who, debarred from all honest means of supporting herself, is compelled to sell her body in the street. Is not that dirty work?

The judge who passes a heavy sentence on his prisoner who has committed theft in order to save his wife and children from hunger. Is not that dirty work?

The plausible and unscrupulous company promoter whose speculations by robbing them of their hardwon savings, bring countless families to ruin. Is not that dirty work?

The rack renting land who, failing to obtain his exorbitant rent, turns his tenant an outcast into the street. Is not that dirty work?

The theatrical manager who, for the sake of lucre, produces plays which he knows to be a perversion of truth. Is not that dirty work?

The soldier who, otherwise unable to maintain himself, has to take part in a war which he knows to be unjust. Is not that dirty work?

And so on ad infinitum.

Who is there, I ask, who under capitalism does not do dirty work?—Herbert, in the Labor Leader.

Wood Acquitted.

Wm. M. Wood, millionaire president of the Woolen Trust, who was indicted on a charge of planting dynamite near the homes of his striking employees at Lawrence, Mass., during the textile strike more than a year ago, was acquitted at Boston last Saturday, after a trial lasting several weeks. It is freely alleged that the jury was bribed and an investigation into the charge is being made. Dennis J. Collins, one of Woods' fellow-workers and indicted with him, was found guilty.

Congratulations.

Parkersburg, W. Va. 5-6-1913.
Editor Labor Star.

Huntington, W. Va.

My Dear Sir:—
Hearty congratulations on such a splendid paper gotten out under such odds. My copy arrived this morning, and I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed every article. The paper's strong revolutionary tone is cheering—may you live long to send the message to the darkest corners of West Virginia. My copy will go to some benighted neighbor.

Yours truly,
Mrs. M.

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A Call From The State Socialist Sec'y

The magnificent power of the Socialist press of West Virginia was evidenced by the manner in which it was dealt with by the tools of capitalism—the state officers and soldiers. But the work of the press is not yet complete. From now on it must advocate and press along the work of organizing.

Organization work in the state has been at a standstill for more than a year. Dozens of locals have disbanded. The "war" was destructive to the party. Everything was set aside for the industrial battle, and yet last November the Socialist vote of West Virginia showed a gain of 316 per cent. over 1908.

In the battles our organizers and editors were put in "bull pens" and jails; our papers were confiscated, and the Socialist workers were intimidated. The atmosphere is clearing. We have won freedom of speech and assembly.

The senatorial investigation will be made, and while the attention of the workers is focused upon this and the labor movement, we must be in position to make our propaganda. From this time forth the work of organizing must be pushed. That work will consist of building up the weak and fallen locals and the creation of new ones. We must propagate the ideas of Socialism and give our assistance for the miners to organize industrially.

We have the sentiment ready for crystallization, but our treasury is drained. Several thousand dollars is needed in the work. We are unable to garner the harvest. THIS IS THE BEST STATE FOR OUR PROPAGANDA AT THIS TIME; THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING FOR WEST VIRGINIA.

The State Committee has not before appealed for funds, for the money could not be properly used in the movement before this time. But now we are in need of your help. The State Organization appeals for aid to carry on the work. Do not depend upon others to do what you feel is your duty to do. Send something. All will be accounted for and judiciously expended.

Send all contributions to Edward H. Kintzer, State Secretary, Socialist Party, Clarksburg, W. Va., who will

Advertising Charleston

We have before us a letter from Mayor J. F. Bedell, and other citizens of Charleston, asking the 87 names is represented every profession business and craft with the lone exception of the working class. Not "red necks" named members on that letter.

With the letter came a column article advertising the motion, which the mayor and his constituents kindly requests us to publish free, gratis, for nothink.

We are going to publish the first paragraph of that by interesting advertisement. The rest of the entire thing can be judged for this:

Charleston, W. Va. —While an era of advancement and prosperity is being enjoyed in West Virginia, there is an inclination among the state to discredit the fact that there have been labor troubles and hardships with which the citizens have had to contend, but there has been a quick recovery and the fact remains that conditions are all that could be asked, and that West Virginia has more than to be left alone to do out its own destinies and to make what it deserves to be.

Get on to the "era of prosperity" which you are enjoying, you red-neck stiffs who have pocketed in your pockets but your hands, and then cuss the "inclination" of the state who try to drag your condition of redundant and poverty.

"Conditions are all that could be asked." Doubtless, if you are—to the 87 who are behind the advertisement. I know a great many of them and I would think it rather cheeky of them to "ask for better conditions" as they are being kept in luxury and riotous by the working class.

"All they ask is to be left alone!" How natural. But they are not going to be left alone. The "red necks" who have made their automobiles and brown-stone mansions possible, are just about ready to "dividing up" with these useless parasites and they seem to be determined to "work out the destinies of the working class and make its conditions what they should be," regardless of the kid-glove thieves who declare that "conditions in West Virginia are all that could be asked."

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